

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF PREMISES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC AND PROPERTY AGAINST FIRE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:-

Section-1-

It shall be the duty of the chief of the fire department to inspect or cause to be inspected by fire department officers or members, as often as may be necessary, but not less than twice a year in outlying districts, and four times a year in the closely built portions of the city, all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire or any violations of the provisions or intent of any ordinance of the city affecting the fire hazard.

Whenever any officer or member shall find in any building or upon any premises or other place, combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of rubbish or unnecessary accumulation of ^{waste} ~~waste~~ paper, boxes shavings or any other highly inflammable materials especially liable to fire, and which are so situated so as to endanger property, or shall find obstructions to or on fire escapes stairs, passageways, doors or windows, liable to interfere with the operations of the fire department or egress of occupants, in case of fire, he shall order the same to be removed and remedied, and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings subject to appeal within twenty-four hours to the Mayor, who shall within five days review such order and file his decision thereon, and unless the order is revoked or modified it shall remain in full force and be obeyed by such owner or occupant.

Any owner or occupant failing to comply with such order within ten days after said appeal shall have been determined, or, if no appeal is taken, then within ten days after the service of the said order shall be liable to a penalty as hereinafter stated,

The service of any such order shall be made upon the occupant of the premises to whom it is directed by either delivering a true copy of the same to such occupant personally or by delivering the same to and leaving it with any person in charge of the premises or in case of no such person is found upon the premises by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door to the entrance of said premises. Whenever it may be necessary to serve such order upon the owner of premises, such order may be served either by delivering to and leaving with the said person a true copy of the said order, or, if such owner is absent from the jurisdiction of the officer making the order, ~~by affixing~~ by mailing such copy to the owner's last known postoffice address.

SECTION-2-

Any person or persons firm or corporation ~~not~~ violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any of its sections shall upon conviction, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for each offense, and not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for every day thereafter so long as the said violation exists, and a fine of not ~~to~~ more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100 .00) for subsequent violations.

SECTION-3-

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION-4-

Inasmuch as the objects to be obtained by this Ordinance will be of great benefit to the people of the City of Warrenton and there exists and is an urgent necessity that this Ordinance should take effect as soon as possible so that health, peace and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Warrenton may be preserved, ~~there~~ an emergency is hereby ~~declared~~ declared to exist and this section therefor shall take effect when approved by the affirmative vote of all of the Commissioners of the City of Warrenton, and this ~~Ordinance~~ Ordinance shall then be in full force and operative immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

Passed the Common Council this 16th day of October 1923
Approved by the Mayor this 16th day of October 1923.

ATTEST

Sidney Campbell
Auditor and Police Judge.

W. S. Richards
MAYOR